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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a complete listing of all claims ever presented in the present application, including the text of all pending claims and withdrawn claims.

1. (ORIGINAL) A method comprising:

generating an outcome for a slot machine, the outcome representing a plurality of reel symbols;

displaying an icon of a popcorn for each symbol;

determining, for each symbol, a respective position on a matrix,

in which the matrix is defined by a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns, and

in which each respective position is defined by one of the rows and one of the columns,

displaying, for each popcorn icon, a respective image of the popcorn icon transforming into the corresponding symbol;

displaying, for each symbol, an image which moves from a starting position to the respective determined position;

displaying the symbols on a display device based on the determined positions; and

determining a payout based on rows and columns of the determined positions.

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2.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:

generating an outcome for a gaming device;

determining a position on a matrix;

~~displaying an image which moves from a starting position to the determined position;~~

displaying the outcome on a display device based on the determined

position; and

determining a payout based on the determined position.

3.   (CANCELED)

4.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2,

in which generating an outcome comprises generating a plurality of

outcomes,

in which determining a position on a matrix comprises determining a

plurality of positions on the matrix,

and further comprising:

generating a payout based on the plurality of determined positions.

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5.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, in which generating the payout based

on the plurality of determined positions comprises:

generating the payout based on outcomes having respective positions which

define a row.

6.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, in which generating an outcome based

on the plurality of determined positions comprises:

generating the payout based on outcomes having respective positions which

define a column.

7.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2, in which determining a position on a

matrix comprises

randomly determining the position.

8.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2, in which determining a position on a

matrix comprises

determining the position based on at least one rule.

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9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8, in which determining a position on a

matrix comprises

determining the position based on at least one rule and a determined

position of another outcome.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9, in which determining a position on a

matrix comprises

determining the position based on a determined position of a second

outcome, in which a symbol of the outcome and a symbol of the second outcome

are identical.

11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

dividing the outcome into a plurality of components; and

displaying an image that depicts the components forming the outcome.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:

generating an outcome for a slot machine, the outcome representing a

plurality of reel symbols;

determining, for each symbol, a respective position on a matrix,

in which the matrix is defined by a plurality of rows and a plurality of

· columns, and

in which each respective position is defined by one of the rows and

one of the columns,

~~displaying, for each symbol, an image which moves from a starting position~~

~~to the respective determined position;~~

displaying the symbols on a display device based on the determined

positions; and

determining a payout based on the determined positions.

13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 12, in which determining, for each

symbol, a respective position comprises

determining, for each symbol, a respective position based on at least one

rule.

14.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 13, in which determining, for each

symbol, a respective position

determining, for each symbol, a respective position based on at least one

rule and a determined position of another symbol.

15.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, in which determining, for each

symbol, a respective position comprises

determining, for each symbol, a respective position based on a determined

position of another symbol identical to the symbol.

16.   (CANCELED)

17.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 12, in which determining a payout based

on the determined positions comprises:

determining the payout based on symbols having respective determined

positions which define a row.

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18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 17, in which determining a payout based

on the determined positions comprises:

determining the payout based on identical symbols having respective

determined positions which define a row.

19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 12, in which determining a payout based

on the determined positions comprises:

determining the payout based on symbols having respective determined

positions which define a column.

20. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 19, in which determining a payout based

on the determined positions comprises:

determining the payout based on identical symbols having respective

determined positions which define a column.